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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8B201
Washington, DC 20554Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in
the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area
WC Docket No. 04-223
Notice of Oral and Written Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that on August 19, 2005, the undersigned, representing Cox Communications Inc. ("Cox"), met with Julie Veach, acting chief of the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Jeremy Miller, deputy chief of the division, and Erin Boone and Tim Stelzig of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to provide responses to staff questions concerning market data in the above-referenced proceeding. In the course of the meeting, Cox distributed a handout to the Commission participant, a copy of which is attached. This handout also was provided separately by email to Michelle Carey, legal advisor to Chairman Martin.

The handout contained information for which Cox seeks confidential treatment pursuant to the *Protective Order* issued in this proceeding. The confidential information is marked "REDACTED" on the attached copy of the handout. The confidential portions of Cox's written presentation are being filed today with the Secretary's Office under a separate cover.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office on this date and copies of this letter are being provided to the Commission participants in the meeting and to Ms. Carey.

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Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.G. Harrington", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J.G. Harrington
Counsel to Cox Communications, Inc.

Attachment

cc (w/attachment): Michelle Carey
Julie Veach
Jeremy Miller
Erin Boone
Tim Stelzig

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WC DOCKET NO. 04-223

COX RESPONSES TO STAFF INQUIRY – AUGUST 19, 2005

Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox") has been asked to provide information concerning its ability to provide service to customers in the Omaha MSA who require service at the DS-1, DS-3 and OCN level. Measures of market share and customer accessibility are necessarily imprecise, in part because it is difficult to predict needs of individual customers and because Cox's practical ability to serve a customer may depend on a variety of factors, including the extent to which Cox would be required to build facilities and the customer's willingness to enter into a long-term agreement that protects Cox's investment. With these caveats, Cox responds to the staff inquiry as follows:

(1) From its own research, Cox estimates that there are approximately [REDACTED] business customers that potentially could purchase service at the DS-1 level or higher and that are located in the portions of the Omaha MSA within the Cox service area pictured on the map provided to the Commission on June 30. Although Cox is aware that there are substantial numbers of customers in the Omaha MSA outside of Cox's service area that could purchase service at the DS-1 or higher level, it is unable to provide a detailed estimate of how many such customers there are.

(2) Cox currently has the capability of using its own facilities to serve approximately [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] customers in its service area that potentially could purchase service at the DS-1 level or higher, or approximately [REDACTED] percent of the total estimated customer base in its service area. Cox can provide service up to the OCN level to each of these customers.

(3) [REDACTED]

(4) Under certain circumstances, Cox will seek to lease DS-1 and higher facilities from Qwest to reach specific customer locations. Such arrangements represent [REDACTED] percent of Cox's current service to the business market.

(5) Cox estimates that, as of the date of this filing, its share of the enterprise market in the portions of the Omaha MSA within its service area is between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] percent.

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